

41 Club

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National Councillor News

At the recent National AGM three National Councillors retired having completed their three years in office and are pictured on the right.

In the centre is Derek Knowlden who has represented Region 20 (Thames Valley) and has now left National office. We thank him for all he has done and wish him every success for the future.

However the other two have moved on to greater things. Steve James, pictured on the left, is now the National Fellowship Office. This

office was previously held by Andrew Mackereth who introduced several new fellowship events during his period in office. Steve has already shown his ability to organise events as he has chaired the group which created the highly successful National Social and Sporting Weekend for the last two years. Steve had represented region 13 (South Wales) for the last three years.

In his final year as a National Councillor Nick Morcumb (pictured right) received the Terry Cooper Shield for his excellent work in Region 11 (Cheshire and North West Midlands). Now he has taken on the role of National Membership and Table Liaison Officer, a role previously undertaken by Duncan Kennedy. With his past record in supporting both Table and 41 Clubs in Region 11, including re-opening several clubs, he will be a very able replacement for Duncan. If you have any queries about finding new members, forming new clubs or re-opening old ones, then Nick is the man to contact.



The newsletter depends upon you, the members, for its content, so please forward your items to share with the other members to comms@41club.org

The copy date for the June newsletter is the 26th May.

Items for the website should be sent to webmaster@41club.org

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<http://www.muscular dystrophyuk.org>

National President's Diary

Just two weeks after the Belfast Conference National President Phill has already attended the International AGM in Austria and will be attending the RTBI and NALC AGM in Chester this weekend.

He will then be turning his attention to visiting clubs and regions throughout GB&I. We would ask that you check his online diary to discover if he is free on the dates you would like him to visit to avoid disappointment. Please note that as Phill is based in Belfast most visits will require flights and overnight accommodation for at least one, if not two nights. In order to keep costs down we will be attempting to group visits to in geographical areas to avoid too many flights. Also as we currently have no presidential car this year we will require members to provide local transport where possible. You can check his diary here:

http://www.41club.org/events/index?filter=president_attending

If you would like a visit from Phill then please complete a presidential booking form which is available on his page on the club website or by using the following link:

<http://41club.org/site/presidentBooking?delivery=president>

The diary will fill very quickly so please ensure that you invite him in plenty of time.

NATIONAL CARAVAN & CAMPING RALLY 7 – 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

HOT OFF THE PRESS:

Bookings are coming in for the 2nd Rally to be held at Hardwick Parks, near Oxford, in September. We have those new to the Rally booked in as well as several returners from last year, with a good mix of caravans, tents, and motor-homes.

Some Clubs are planning to bring several of their caravaner / motor home members. creating their own area within the main Rally site.

New for this year we have our own dedicated marquee for the weekend. Fizz and Canapés will be provided as a welcome on Friday evening, together with an opportunity to meet National President Phil who will join us for the weekend. Entertainment and food will be provided on Saturday night. The marquee will also enable us to indulge in traditional 41 Club fun activities on Sunday whatever the weather. Healthy Inter-Club competition will be encouraged, definitely a Quiz and a few 'silly games. Prizes will be awarded!



Alcester 41 Club at the 2017 Rally



We will be awarding the 'furthest travelled' trophy again, presented by National President Dave last year to Keith & Jean Woodward from Widnes 41 Club.

The Lake Watersports programme will be available for Rally Goers to book activities such as kayaking and water-skiing direct from the site – a small fee applies.



We have managed to keep the cost of the 3 night weekend to £99.50 per couple. This includes your pitch fees, electric hook-up, access to washroom facilities, and the Friday evening welcome party, Saturday entertainment and food, and Sunday Inter-Club activities. Additional nights for those wishing to stay longer can be booked directly with the site.

To be sure of your pitch in the main Rally field we advise you to return your booking form asap.

Booking Forms available through this link,

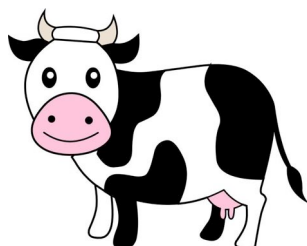
<http://41club.org/files/2018-02-06/Final-Booking-Form-2018-N1518001785.pdf>

or contact Richard Dyson and Ian Stockdale, Ringwood 41 Club richarddyson46@gmail.com

or 07753 85117

Meet the new National Vice President, Andrew Mackereth

Congratulations to Andrew on his appointment as the new Vice President. Many of you will know him either from his five years as the National Councillor for Region 5 (North West) or more recently as the National Fellowship Officer, a post he held for three years, during which time he successfully introduced the National Social and Sporting Weekend and re-introduced the National Caravan and Camping Weekend.



Andrew is a member of both Lancaster 41 Club and Dragons 41 Club, which he helped form after the very successful conference at Llandudno. Married to Mildred he has two daughters and two grandchildren. Brought up as a farmer's son he farmed dairy cattle for many years before moving onto estate



agency. He is now retired.

We asked Andrew to provide a little more detail about his likes, dislikes and plans for the future:

Sporting interests: Supporting Blackburn Rovers (someone has to) and also my local team Lancaster City FC. Also enjoys watching Rugby Union.

Hobbies: I enjoy visiting historic churches, cooking and musical theatre.

Pets (excluding cows): Jess our cat which was the last kitten to be born on the farm before we ceased farming. Now about 16 years old.

Favourite music: Mainstream 80's rock music.

Least favourite Music: Anything to do with Rap.

Favourite food: Just about anything including an occasional vegetarian dish.

Least favourite food: I particularly dislike fennel.

Favourite places: Woolacombe in Devon. Miles of beach to walk, also the Highlands of Scotland.

Favourite car you have ever owned: BMW Z4. Had to sell it to buy a family car.

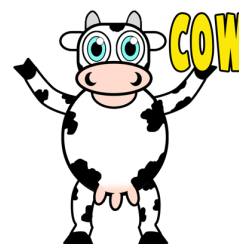
Favourite mode of travel: Railways particularly steam specials.

Holidays to remember: We went to New Zealand for our Silver Wedding, absolutely brilliant.

Most memorable Table experience: Being honoured as the Millennium President of Lancaster Round Table.

Most memorable 41 Club experience: Having three years as Fellowship Officer. The best Board position.

Your targets for your year as National President: To encourage more Fellowship between clubs. Encourage International visits. Provide more member benefits and most importantly to enjoy 41 Club as it has so much to offer and to support Round Table however I can.



41 International AGM

Pörtschach, Austria

28th April 2018



The International Board and Managers 2017-18 with President Bruce McKay

41 Club GB&I were represented by National President Phill Ellis and IRO Peter Good. Several other of our members were in attendance at the AGM and Conference events.

Each country with three or more member clubs have two voting delegates and those with less than three have just one. Phill and Peter were our delegates and are pictured on the right.

Several topics were discussed during the meeting including the possibility of changing the name of the organisation. You will be hearing more about this in the future.

Three new countries had applied for membership of 41 International, all of which were approved, so we can now say welcome to Hungary, Portugal and USA. Internationally 41 Club is healthy and growing.

At the Belfast AGM we had selected Barry Durman as our candidate for the post of International Vice President in 2020-21 which would have resulted in GB&I hosting the International AGM in 2021. Unfortunately the AGM voted in favour of the Norwegian bid and the VP will be Lasse Stöloy. Congratulations to Lasse.

There was also a competition for holding the Half Year Meeting (HYM) in 2020 with both Mauritius and Romania presenting bids. The winner was Romania.



International Board and Managers 2018-2019



41 International President
Dr. Ulrich Suppan
Austria



Vice President
Luc Trigaux
Belgium



41 Past President
Bruce McKay
Southern Africa



Secretary
Mika Uusi-Pietila
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Italy



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CLUB NEWS



Frank Bull (National President 1987 - 1988) received his British Empire Medal at a presentation with the Duchess of Northumberland. Frank and his daughter Ruth have also been invited to visit Buckingham Palace on the 15th of May.

Prior to their AGM Dinner, Shaftesbury and Gillingham presented a cheque for £1,400 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The money was raised from the Chairman's Summer BBQ, donations collected at the Dick's Oar sports night from members of other clubs attending and finally a Race Night at The Two Brewers in Shaftesbury organised by member Les Girling.

In the photo Chairman Mike Bromley and Chairman Elect Bernie Jupp present the cheque to the Air Ambulance representative.

Richard Matthews, Secretary



41 Club-Costa del Sol

A great weekend of fun & fellowship at the 26th. Iberian Cluster 1st. to 4th. November 2018 at the

5* Gran Hotel Guadalpin Banús in luxurious Puerto Banús!

Check it out at: www.41clubcostadelsol.com

Our exciting Cluster package consists of 1,2 or 3 nights.
Extra nights available.
Free parking at the Hotel.
Room upgrades available. (Limited)

Full details on our website:
www.41club-costadelsol.com

SORRY TO SAY THAT
THIS EVENT IS NOW
SOLD OUT
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
OVERWHELMING SUPPORT
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ALL IN NOVEMBER

Cluster Chairman: Peter Morrisroe
email: cluster@41club-costadelsol.com

41 Club & Tangent National Conference Torquay 2019

Captain Phill and Captain Jill
invite you to join them
in Torquay for

Pirates of the Riviera

Round Table Reminisces by Bob Oxley

Part Four

Did he just offer me a job?

I was sat on the top table at an inaugural Charter Dinner, having just presented the charter to the chairman of a new Table. My wife and I had been in conversation with one of his friends, and the friend had just given me his business card and told me call him as he wanted to offer me a job. I told him politely that I already had a job, but thanked him anyway.



A few weeks later, following a restructuring of the sales force, I was made redundant. I was devastated! It soon became obvious that, even though not yet 40, I was considered too old or 'too experienced' for recruitment to a similar role elsewhere. Where was that business card? The geographical location of the job proved impractical, but ironically a similar life changing vacancy appeared in my local paper. I decided to go for it, at least until I found 'something more suitable'.

I managed to get through the Area Smoker, dodging the contents of thrown plastic beer 'glasses' and the advances of the strippers, clearly intent on getting their hands on my chairman's jewel! I didn't do too well in the Area Boat Race. One of our Tablers, an engineer, designed us an unsinkable boat, constructed from planks and oil drums containing ballast. We set off in our heat with the others, but it was so hard to row or punt, that the organisers gave up on us after everyone else had finished, and started the next heat. All the competitors in that heat raced past us and finished. Eventually everybody boarded us, and responding to the cheering and provocation of the crowd, finally managed to prove that we were not unsinkable after all. We all got very wet.



My year ended on a massive high. As usual, my Table took part in the annual Pedal Kart Grand Prix organised in our area on part of one of the country's



national racecourses. There were races for both Circlers and Tablers, with prizes for the best presented team and kart, as well as the winners of both the Final and Plate competitions. Our engineer's kart design was rejected in favour of one built by our dentist member. Incredibly, both my Table and our Circle swept the board, winning both Finals and being awarded first prize for the best turned out team and kart.

More and more of us started to go to National Conference, the highlight of which was the final night party. We were still in the sticker era, when the main objective was to see how close you could stick your Table's message to the sensual body parts of a member of the opposite sex.

Great fun in the intoxicated atmosphere of the final night party, but hellish helping my wife remove them. Reading them, I thought, OK, maybe 'No one can lick 'em like Wycombe', but the anatomical geography of a 'Nottingham North nipple nibbler' was a bit worrying, finding two curly hairs still attached to his sticker!

In my last year, I wound down from my year as Area Chairman by becoming Table Sergeant at Arms. I was now just the husband of the Circle Area Chairman, contemplating which 41 Club I might join. Then unbelievably, my Table offered me an honorary year. In over 40 years, only one other member had ever been honoured in this way, so I was incredibly proud to accept. Further, the original 41 Club, (probably concerned with dwindling numbers), suddenly re-opened its doors and invited all the retiring Table members that year to join them.

What did I do? Did I join both, one or none at all? I'll tell you in the next instalment.

...to be continued...

A Memory of Ken Dodd

I was lucky enough to be President of Wallasey Round Table 220 – Wallasey's No.1 man was President not Chairman – in 1974/5, our 25th Charter Year. We held three celebration events. A black tie Charter Dinner, of course, with Brigadier Sir Douglas Crawford, first Lord Lieutenant of the new County of Merseyside, as principal guest and speaker; we hosted a meeting of Area 36; and, towards the end of the Table year, an informal fish and chips comedy evening.

This last event was held in a room at New Brighton Bathing Pool which, when it was built in the first half of the twentieth century, was the largest pool complex in the UK, possibly in the world. Sadly, it is now gone. We invited Tablers and their guests from all nearby Tables. I had earlier met a man who was a top administrator in Liverpool theatres and when I mentioned this prospective event to him and said we wanted one or two good comics, his response quite took me aback.

He said Ken Dodd would just have finished doing pantomime in Liverpool and he was sure he could get Ken to be our star turn. Ken would also find the warm up comedian and all for an acceptable fee! And.....so it worked out!

The first comedian, obviously also a scouser (but whose name I forget), went down very well. And then, just as we were beginning to get anxious, Ken arrived and was met outside by my friend David Highet who was about to show him to the small dressing room by passing through the audience. But Ken recoiled, saying he couldn't possibly see the audience before the show so they went a long way round! He was clearly on edge, asking how the first comedian had gone down and saying he hadn't done a stag do for many years! He then asked to be left alone for 15 minutes or so. Dave later reported that when eventually he ushered Ken to the speaking area, he noticed that he had joke reminders written all over his hands!

Needless to say, Ken Dodd was wonderful – hilariously funny though not blue, and went on far longer than expected, as he always did. And when the event had finished, he was quite happy to stay and have a drink or two with the organising committee; to chat quite normally but also to reduce us again to stitches! A very happy memory of a lovely man.

Graham Smith, Wokingham 41 Club



41 Club Classic Rally 2018 Cardiff

"Valleys to Coast"

8th to 10th June

There is still time to book into the 2018 Classic Rally in June, but hurry as final figures are required by the hotel soon.

Your car or motorcycle does not have to be old to be a classic, simply something that is a little unusual, which you are proud to share with other members.

For those that live near to Cardiff why not pop along to the Holiday Inn, Tongwynlais on the Saturday morning (9th June) to view the cars

and have a chat with fellow 41ers and Tangent members. Or even book into the Saturday evening Rally Dinner where there will be plenty of fun and fellowship. For full details and a booking form got to: 41club.org/events/924

We look forward to welcoming you to the Classic Rally 2018

Four New Member Benefits

Announcing new Member Benefits from four outdoor pursuit outlets. Members of 41 Club can now get a 15% discount at all of the following:



<https://www.cotswoldoutdoor.com>



<https://www.snowandrock.com>



<https://www.runnersneed.com>



<https://www.cyclesurgery.com>

You will need a voucher which can be obtained by emailing region15@41club.org. In the email please state your name and 41 Club name. This will be checked on the members' database, you will then be sent the voucher. You will also need to mention the company you plan to use the voucher with so you receive the correct voucher.

The voucher can then be used at any of the group's stores or the discount code on the voucher can be used if you are shopping online

This voucher/code is for personal use only.

FELLOWSHIP AND FUN ON THE NORFOLK COAST

The 2019 National Sporting Weekend takes place on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of February at the prestigious Potters Leisure Resort Norfolk home of the World Indoor Bowls Championships. www.pottersholidays.com

Here you will have full access to all the facilities that are on site from the time you arrive to the time you leave. Your package includes 2 nights full board including Sunday lunch with midnight feast available and late night bars that means if you are still drinking they will still be serving. Outstanding live musical entertainment will available each evening throughout or quieter areas if you just wish to sit and chat.

Sporting events to be confirmed include golf at a local course (Friday at supplementary cost), laser clay pigeon, off road segways, darts, badminton, table tennis, ten pin bowling, snooker, indoor bowling, pistol shooting, archery, curling, crazy golf and many more, including a novelty event.

A weekend full board package for the 2 nights will cost from £230 (based upon twin room/sharing) There are a limited number of single rooms available and if required book early!! If you wish to add the Sunday night this can also be added to your package.

Booking is simple we just need a £30 non refundable deposit you can then pay the balance in full or set up a standing order and pay over the next coming months. Any questions email region17@41club.org

For a booking form follow this link :

<http://41club.org/files/2018-04-17/NSW-19---Booking-Form-11524733814.pdf>

41 Club Cruise to the Fjords, Mountains & Glaciers

This year the club cruise will be different in that it sails from Liverpool, the spiritual home of the Cunard Line. We will be sailing on Fred. Olsen's Black Watch on a nine day cruise to the Norwegian Fjords and the Shetland Islands. Departing 8th August the itinerary is:

Date	Arrive	Depart	Port / Destination
Wed 08 Aug		Late PM	Liverpool, United Kingdom
Sat 11 Aug	Early AM	Late PM	Hellesylt, Norway
Sat 11 Aug	Late PM	Late PM	Cruising Geirangerfjord, Norway
Sat 11 Aug	Late PM	Late PM	Cruising past Seven Sisters Waterfall, Norway
Sat 11 Aug	Late PM	Late PM	Cruising Sunnlyvsfjorden, Norway
Sun 12 Aug	Early AM	Late PM	Olden, Norway
Sun 12 Aug	Late PM	Late Night	Cruising Nordfjord, Norway
Sun 12 Aug	Late Night	Late Night	Cruising by Hornelen, Norway
Mon 13 Aug	Early AM	Late PM	Flåm, Norway
Mon 13 Aug	Late PM	Late Night	Cruising Naeroyfjord, Norway
Tue 14 Aug	Early AM	Late PM	Bergen, Norway
Wed 15 Aug	Early AM	Early PM	Lerwick, United Kingdom
Fri 17 Aug	Early AM		Liverpool, United Kingdom

Members joining the cruise get a 10% discount and £50 per person on-board spend, plus other group benefits. For more details click on the link below

<http://41club.org/files/2017-12-51/Club-Cruise-Flyer-20181514028906.pdf>

Remember that if you cannot join us on the club cruise you can still get a discount on Fred. Olsen cruises by using the details below.



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Bringing the world closer

The 41 Club have teamed up with award-winning Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines to give you a very tempting 10% membership discount* on your first sailing with them – and that's on top of any current offers. Existing Fred. Olsen customers can save 5%, in addition to their 5% Loyalty Club discount.



To book using your discount code **41club10** call the 41 Club booking Hotline on **0800 0355 108** or visit **www.fredolsencruises.com/41club**

*All bookings are subject to Fred. Olsen's (FOCL) standard terms & conditions, available on our website & on request. All prices quoted under the 41 Club members discount offer are exclusive to qualifying members & their travelling companions only, members must quote their discount code at time of booking. Membership discounts cannot be applied retrospectively. Bookings must be made via the booking hotline number 0800 0355 108. Proof of membership will be required at the time of booking. Offers cannot be extended to any unrelated third party, are subject to availability & may be withdrawn or amended at any time without prior notice. From time to time FOCL may run special offers which cannot be combined with this discount, including selected group travel deals. All guests booked under this scheme are requested to refrain from disclosing the fare paid whilst on board. Offer is for first-time cruisers with Fred. Olsen only. Fred. Olsen Oceans members are entitled to a 5% 41 Club discount subject to the same terms & conditions, to be applied after the standard Oceans discount, where applicable. In this instance, Oceans Terms & Conditions apply. This offer expires on the 31st December 2018. E&OE.



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National Club News

National Councillor Vacancies

Due to retirements, resignations and the re-alignment of the Scottish regions we now have vacancies in the following regions:

Region 1	North Scotland (Currently a caretaker)
Region 3	Ireland
Region 9	Lincolnshire
Region 11	Cheshire and North West Midlands (Currently a caretaker)
Region 13	South Wales (Currently a caretaker)
Region 14	West Midlands
Region 20	Thames Valley

If you think that you may be interested in representing your region on the National Council then contact Tom Atkins (councillorliaison@41club.org / Tel. 07850 130645) to discuss what is involved and how you can apply.

Dates For Your Diary

8th-10th June	41 Club Classic Rally, Tongwynlais, Cardiff
30th June	National Council Meeting, Park Hotel by Radisson, Aberdeen
10th July	Region 15 Golf Day, Olton Golf Club, Olton, Solihull
17th July	Region 21 Golf Day, Wrag Barn Golf Club, Highworth, Swindon
18th July	Eastern Region Charity Golf Day, Braintree Golf Club, Essex
19th July	Region 11 Golf Day, Alsager Golf Club, Alsager
8th-17th August	41 Club and Tangent Cruise to Norway and the Shetlands
10th-12th August	Cycling Weekend, Northampton Nene 41 Club
16th August	Scottish Regional Golf, Ferntower Course, Crieff Golf Club



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Featured Member Benefit

Wider Wallet 41club.widerwallet.com in partnership with SVM Cards.

This is a fantastic scheme if you like to get discounts off many of your day to day purchases at many national retail stores and

restaurants. I always say that members have to be rich or bonkers not to use this scheme! All you have to do is use our special code (S424698A) to set up an account on-line and decide which stores you shop at on a regular basis. You ask for a card for each shop and pay £1.59 postage regardless of how many cards you request.

Once you get your cards (within 48 hours) you can then load them with cash. For example you load £100 onto your Sainsbury's card and the system charges you £96.50 because you get 4.5% discount. Discounts vary from around 4% to 10%. Personally I save exactly my 41 Club subs each month by buying £300 at Sainsbury's for £286.50, then I also load smaller amounts onto Marks and Spencer, Boots and Pizza-hut cards. Once you have the card loaded with money, your partner can also use it, so it's brilliant and a real monetary benefit to being a 41 Club member.

For a full list of Member Benefits click here <http://41club.org/pages/platinum-privileges>



The Camera Never Lies! ... or does it?

